

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached “replacement sheets” of formal drawings replace the previously submitted informal drawings for FIG. 1 – FIG. 14. No new subject matter has been added by the submission of these formal drawings.

Please cancel FIG. 15 – FIG. 22.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (14 pages)

### **Remarks**

The undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments proposed herein and the following remarks. In this response, claims 16 and 21 have been cancelled, without prejudice, claims 10 and 18 have been amended and nine new claims, i.e., claims 23-31, have been added. Hence, upon entry of this amendment, claims 10-15, 17-20 and 22-31 are presented for examination.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his indication during the telephonic interview of August 1<sup>st</sup> that claims 16, 17, 21 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

### **Statement of the Substance of Telephonic Interview Pursuant to MPEP §713.04**

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for initiating a telephonic interview on August 1, 2007. Pursuant to the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* §713.04 (8th ed., rev. 4, 2005) (hereinafter “***MPEP*”**), the undersigned provides herein a written statement of the substance of the telephonic interview conducted between Examiner Joseph R. Maniwang and the undersigned (hereafter “the Telephonic Interview”).

#### **I. Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted:**

No exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted.

#### **II. Identification of the Claims Discussed:**

Claims 10, 16-18, 21 and 22.

#### **III. Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed:**

N/A

#### **IV. Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature:**

The Examiner indicated claims 16, 17, 21 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner pointed out the lack of a Brief Description of the

Drawings section in the specification, the need to formalize the existing figures and the need to remove the embedded figures at pages 16-19 of the specification.

V. The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of the Undersigned:

The undersigned agreed claims 16, 17, 21 and 22 were allowable, but maintained his belief that the applicant was entitled to claims of scope similar to current independent claims 10 and 18. However, for sake of expediting allowance of the present application, the undersigned agreed to prepare a Supplemental Amendment, without prejudice, amending the claims to place them into the form indicated to be allowable.

VI. The General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

The undersigned agreed to prepare a Supplemental Amendment amending the claims to place them into the form indicated to be allowable, amending the specification to include a Brief Description of the Drawings, amending the specification to remove the embedded figures at pages 16-19 and formalizing the existing figures. The undersigned also suggested he may propose new figures corresponding to those removed from the specification.

For the Examiner's convenience, the undersigned points out the following to clarify the intended effect of the claim amendments contained herein:

- Independent claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of former dependent claim 16 (which was indicated to be allowable during the Telephonic Interview if rewritten in independent form);
- Independent claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of former dependent claim 21 (which was indicated to be allowable during the Telephonic Interview if rewritten in independent form);
- New independent claim 23 represents former independent claim 10 incorporating the limitations of dependent claim 17 (which was indicated to be allowable during the Telephonic Interview if rewritten in independent form); and
- New independent claim 29 represents former independent claim 18 incorporating the limitations of former dependent claim 22 (which was

indicated to be allowable during the Telephonic Interview if rewritten in independent form).

**Request for Approval to Amend Drawings  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d)**

The undersigned proposes cancelling apparent extraneous figures 15-22, which were not referenced in the specification as originally filed. The Examiner's approval is respectfully requested for the proposed cancellation of figures 15-22.

**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments and remarks presented herein have overcome the rejections, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued for claims 10-15, 17-20 and 22-31.

**Request for a Telephone Interview**

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (303) 284-5103.

Respectfully submitted,  
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